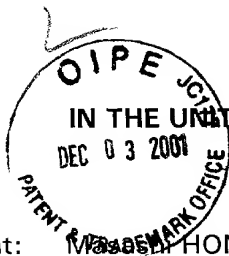


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Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on October 1, 2001 in the above-identified application. The due date to file these documents without an extension of time fee is Monday, December 3, 2001, 2001, as December 1, 2001 fell on a Saturday. Transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application. Enclosed are:

- [X] English Translation of the Specification, Claims, and Abstract (26 pages) with Translator's Statement (1 page)
- [X] Formal Drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1-6)
- [X] Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

1. The present invention relates to a method of determining the optimal time to schedule a patent examination interview. The method includes the steps of: (a) receiving a request for a patent examination interview; (b) determining the optimal time to schedule the interview based on the request; and (c) scheduling the interview at the optimal time.